

things, a more perfect union than that which preceded, and which it manifestly seems to confess, fell short of perfection—under a new government to be conducted according to its provisions superseding all the old forms and the accustomed routine of the Slaveholding states of 1778. Notwithstanding such a radical change in the nature of its government as well as in its movements, its old name and its old ways were retained—an inconsistency, which it is considered that the Thirteen Southernities, with all their territorial appurtenances, became an integer, and thus made up one grand nation, giving a happy illustration and beautiful significance to the motto, *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.

A few thoughts arise from the path indicated by our heading. It is to be regretted that when there was a favorable a time to give the name of the new nation, as the formation of the Constitution, the occasion was not seized by the people to give a name to the nation significant or expressive, either in respect to the discoverer of their country, or in respect to the chieftain of their armies and principal of their counsels. They knew that the name of the adventurous navigator of the Great Sea and discoverer of this continent ought to have had place on the entire surface of the Western world, from the cliffs and headlands that line the restless waves of the Atlantic to the shores that stretch along the gentle waters of the Pacific Ocean. But it did not command itself to them as the proper name of the nation.

The national name is now lost, and it is difficult to find a name that carries with it great fitness and great events. It is significant only of a firm or co-partnership of districts of country, called States! These States themselves have mostly meaning names—names significant of thing in history, geography, or biography.

But what the forgetful people of these republics failed to do in the Constitution was done in the Columbian, by a mind full of the world-wide Republic of Letters. All honor to the patriot poet! Poetry, more just and liberal in its contributions to the shrines of greatness than patriotism, has declared that this nation shall be called America. Poetry has applied a proper epithet—*that it is another of equal aqua*—but it may not be applied by patriotism.

The people knew also of one living in their midst whose modesty was too great, perhaps, to admit of a constitutional expression of their desires in giving his name to the nation. Its paternity certainly is conceded by all history, and constant acknowledgment. The world has conferred the immortal honor and dignity of Pater Patrie, on Washington, *charum et venerabilis* nomen. Why, then, should not the people of this nation transfer that name to their nationality, and henceforth be called the nations of the earth after its greatest father?

Where is the bold and persevering man, of this age of great events, of great achievements, who will undertake to bespeak the name of the justice and prosperity of a change in the national name; and that herefore it should be known by that of him to whom the nation is more indebted than to any other man for its independence and place among the governments of the world—or that of him who discovered the Western Continent? It is easy of accomplishment, if the people will avail themselves of the opportunity. It is easy to fancy with what enthusiasm they would rally to cast their votes for such a name of fame. If the strong and determined efforts of to-day shall evince in a combining or amending of the Constitution and a strengthening of their government, we pray that the future national name may be identical with that of one of the heroes we have mentioned.

Would not the adoption of such national name be better, would it not be speedier, and would it not carry with it more honor to the memory of the exalted patriot or greater discoverer, than the erection of statues of brass, or monuments of stone? Before that pile in the Capitol city which bears one of these illustrious names can be completed, such imperishable monument as that now proposed may be built without the cost of one dollar in addition to the current expense of legislation and without the sound of a single implement of labor?

Antiquity furnishes an illustrious instance of a nation bearing a name derived from its founder. Through the centuries it has been noticed on the calendar of time: Rome, ancient and modern—Rome, monarchical, republican, imperial and papal—Rome, in all its permutations of form of government and policy of administration—Rome, in all its transmigrations of systems of religion—has stood a majestic monument to the name of a nursing, the real or fabled Romulus, fostered by a breast of the forest on the banks of the Tiber, in after days in his manhood, to lay there upon its Seven Hills the foundations of the Eternal City—the seat of Roman Empire.

National Anti-Slavery Standard.

WITHOUT CONCEALMENT—WITHOUT COMPROMISE.

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FOR 1868.

With the close of the year many subscriptions for THE STANDARD expire. We hope to enter upon the new year 1868, not only with all such subscriptions renewed, but with large accessions to our present list.

Chattelism has been abolished, but equal freedom for the colored race has not yet been secured. The old controversy has not been definitely ended. It has again passed from the bloody arena of the battle-field to the sphere of politics and diplomacy. The recent elections present a fearful record of unrelenting prejudice against the colored race. They have received the former hopes and renewed the desperate energies of the discomfited rebels at the South. We had fondly hoped that we were well nigh at the end of the struggle for equal freedom, irrespective of color, but through treachery, and the want of enlightened, conscientious statesmanship we are involved in a conflict of still momentous importance. Many politicians who, during the war, were willing to accept the services and to advocate the enfranchisement of colored men, now as the temptations of the presidential year approach, disingenuously surrender and abandon their cause. So to the popular churches and clergy are relaxing their interest for, and diminishing their co-operation with the freedmen, and excusing themselves on the score of disqualification for "political preaching," they ally themselves as formerly with "Conservatism" and the dominant spirit of prejudice against race.

Under these circumstances it is of the greatest importance to have a thoroughly Radical, independent journal, which like THE STANDARD, may speak freely and fearlessly for justice and impartial freedom, with nothing to gain or lose by party triumphs or losses. During the past year our circulation has steadily increased with each month. Frequent calls for the paper come to us from the South. THE STANDARD now goes regularly each week to Charleston, Mobile, New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Richmond and at other points in the South. We have arrangements in progress for its general introduction to the notice of the leading colored men and white Radicals throughout the South the coming year. The importance of an intelligent alliance between uncompromising Radicals at the North and their coadjutors at the South can scarcely be over-estimated in the present condition of national affairs.

WENDELL PHILLIPS will continue as the pest year as editorial writer for the columns of THE STANDARD. It will also be the medium through which his *Leaves* and addresses, as revised by himself, will be given to the public. Other able writers will contribute regularly to its columns. We shall continue to present a department to this Richmond. It will wish the channels of business free, let it sweep the White House with the broom of Impeachment. If loyal

to, hospitably entertain the claims of movements of a kindred and aim, as the rights of women, temperance, education, etc.

The period through which we are now passing is one of the most critical thus far in our national experience. Through the late reverses in the elections may disintegrate those whose dependence is upon the Republican party, it should be borne in mind that it has been, and still is, the high prerogative of Abolitionists to create the opinion which makes and unmakes parties in the service of freedom.

We appeal earnestly and confidently therefore to all friends to unite heartily with us in an effort to extend the circulation of THE STANDARD as the emergency of the cause it represents demands.

PREMIUMS.

We offer our friends who we are sure will be esteemed very liberal and welcome compensation for their efforts to add to our subscription list, namely: to old subscribers who renew their subscriptions and send one new subscriber for the year (\$6); or to any who will send two new subscribers (\$8) we will send either of the following very desirable books:

Wendell Phillips' "Speeches, Lectures and Letters," 562 pages, with steel portrait—price \$2.50. Lydia Maria Child's "Romance of the Republic," 442 pages—price \$2.50. Caroline H. Daily's "College, Market and Court," 109 pages—price \$2.50.

IMPEACHMENT.

The majority of the Committee on Impeachment have done their work manfully. Their report is one of the ablest documents ever laid before Congress; strong in its own straightforward, unanswerable logic and array of superabundant fact, as well as in crushing argument, in marked contrast with the *ad c' p'nditum* law and school-boy declamation with which Mr. Wilson pretends to account for his dissent. What his education has been we do not know, but it evidently never has been a legal one. Indeed the very dust he gathers to throw into the eyes of the nation is of the poorest character.

Whatever be the fate of the measure, this report of the majority is matter of sober and hearty gratitude. The Republican party may be too timid to dare to look the President in the face. The voices of Senators may be choked by the patronage they have used for and received. Illinois's cringing and timid example failing to do the trick, the nation announces the subject hoarse grave. Grant's estimate must be accepted as authoritative, for he has facilities for obtaining information possessed by no others, and his whole record shows that he is never less than a man in the Senate. We may detect, at last, in Ohio's delegate, the secret of the Republican defeat in that State. The Senate's course, as usual, may be checked and weakened by the chronic infirmity of Maine. The Nation itself may be confused by a bubble of finance so far as to forget its duty. All this will be sad and dismal. But hitherto our attitude has been ridiculous. From this in all future time, the Committee's courage may be too timid to stand by to do what is right. The Evening Post, in commenting upon the above, says:

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Miscellaneous Department.

SONG OF NATURE.

Mass are the night and morning,
The pits of air, the gulf of space,
The sportive sun, the gibbous moon.
The innumerable days.

I hide in the solar glory;
I am dumb in the pealing song,
I rest on the pitch of the torrent,
In slumber I am strong.

No numbers have counted my taliess,
No tribes my bones can fill,
I by the shining Point of Life,
And pour the dulse still.

And ever by deodar pines
Gathering along the eminences
From race on race the roses flowers,
My wreath shall nothing mangles.

And many a thousand summers
My apples ripened well,
A light fromehlering stars
With firmer glory fell.

I wrote the pest in characters
Of rocks and fire the scroll,
The building in the coal sea,
The planting of the coal.

And thefts from satellites and rings
And broken stars I drew,
And out of spent and aged things
I formed the world anew.

What time the gods kept marine,
Tricked out star and flower,
And in clamp of elf and sullen forms
They swathed their too much power.

Time and Thought were my surveyors,
They laid their courses well,
They boiled the sea and haked the layers
Of granite, marl and shell.

But he, the man-child glorious—
Where tarries he the while?

The rainbow shames his harbinger,

The sunset gleams his smile.

My horse lights leap onward,
Forthright my planet roll,
And still the man-child is not horn,
The summit of the whole.

Most time and tide forever run?
Will never my winds go sleep in the west?
Will never my wheels which whir the sun?
And satellites have rest?

Too much of dawning and doffing,
Too slow the rainbow fades,
I weary of my robe of snow,
My leaves and my cascades.

I tire in pain for him,

My creatures travail and wait;
His couriers come by squadrons,
He comes not to the gate;

Takes I have modelled an image,
And thrice entreated my hand,
Made of day or one of night,
And one of the salt seas sand.

One in a Judean manger,
And ours by Avon stream,
One over again the months of the Nile,
And ours in the Aedone.

I moulded kings and saviours,

And hard o're kings to rule;

But full the starry influences short,
The cup was never full.

Yet whilst the glowing wheels once more,
And met the bowl again;

Seeth! Fate! the ancient elements,

Hast, cold, wet, dry peace and pain.

Let war and trouble and strife,

Blow, ripples race on race,

The sunburnt world a man shall braise

Of all the zones, and countless days.

No ray is dimmed, no stow won,

My oldest force is good as new,

And the frost rose on yonder thorn.

Gives back the handworn in dawn.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

AMERICAN ARTIST-LIFE.

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

Mr. TUCKERMAN, then whom no writer could bring to the consideration of his subject more diligence or a more hearty love of art, has prepared a compendium of American painting and sculpture which supplies a want in our literature. His "Book of American Art," a handsome octavo volume is a full and interesting record of the progress of Art in America—A recapitulation of national knowledge of every kind, which has colored the mind and filled the pens of men whose pencils have become famous, and a complete epitome of the work of our earlier and later epochs. He shows us, in a brief introduction, what is really a complete and valuable treatise upon a series of subjects in art, in a single volume. Rhode Island led the way, through Snyders' portraits, executed under the patronage of Berkely; Howley and West, and Garrison and Vanderlyn, greatly known in Europe; and, at last, through the name of Washington Irving, painting reached its some of excellence among us. Then traces the more rapid progress of art during the past few years, dwells with emphasis upon the advance of public taste, the social attraction of private collections, the picture and the miniature, the reception of the schools, which are "a delicate feature of Broadway," schools of Design, the bridling erected expressly for studios, and other indications that our art life has come to a healthy growth. Not to speak of the great number to be blind to palatable defects. However, with manly justice, the necessity of establishing in New York a permanent free gallery of art, and takes occasion to remind American artists that one of their chief faults, as a class, is the inequality of their productions. This latter point is dwelt upon with much force.

It is evident that this has bestowed unwearied labor on the part of the history.

During the early portrait painter, there were some rate sketches of twenty-seven artists, from Copley to Bierstadt; next, *genre* and historical painters; finally, the landscape painters and the sculptors. Including the best of these, Harriet Hosmer, Emma Stirling, Margaret Foley, Edmund Lewis, Mrs. Freeman and Annie Whitney.

It may surprise some readers to hear from Mr. Tuckerman that Robert Fulton was a miniature painter in this city before 1787, and the duration of his period of waiting for recognition as a man of genius and the inventor of steam navigation, his leisure was appropriated abroad and at home to the practice and promotion of art. Dunlap, best known as an amateur, was also a painter, and took an active part in establishing the New York Academy of Fine Arts.

We have no space to-day to follow Mr. Tuckerman's agreeable narrative in detail, but must content ourselves with a few extracts from passages of personal history:

TWO EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF MORSE.

* * * A striking evidence of the waywardness of destiny is afforded by the experience of this artist, if we may credit from this early and hopeful period of his career, two events.

He then aimed at renown through devotion to the beautiful; but it would seem as if the genius of his country, in spite of himself, led him to this object, by the less known path of merit. He dearest to himself his name with pride, but it has become far more widely associated with science. A series of

shorter disappointments obliged him to "coin his hand to bread" — for a long period, exacting attention to portraiture—although, at intervals, he accomplished something more satisfactory. More than thirty years since, on a voyage from Boston to Europe, in company with his fellow passengers, the theme of conversation was the electro-magnet; and one gentleman proposed some experiments he had lately witnessed at Paris, which proved the almost immediately rapid motion of which while electrically disseminated. The idea suggested to him the invention of an electric artist, that this wonder, and but partially explored agent might be rendered subservient to that system of intercommunication which had become as the natural principle of modern civilization. He brooked no delay in his trials, and he had called the day, or lay awake in his bed, and by the time he arrived at New York, had so far matured his invention, as to have decided upon a telegraph of signs, which was to be used now. After having sufficiently demonstrated his idea to a scientific friend, a long period of toil, anxiety and suspense intervened before he obtained the requisite facilities for the establishment of the magnetic telegraph. The first trial operation was made in Boston, and its success was soon all similar investigations abroad was confirmed by the testimony of Arago and the appropriation made for its erection by the French government.

* * * One of these coincidences which would be thought appropriate for romance, but which are more common, in fact, than the unobtrusive are disposed to confess, these two most brilliant works in the painter's life—his first successful work of art, and his second—were brought together, as it were, in a manner singularly fitted to impress the imagination. Six copies of his "Dying Hercules" had been made in London, and were exhibited at the Royal Academy; these were distributed by the artist to academy members, one he retained, and the last two were given to Mr. Bulfinch, the architect of the Capitol—who was engaged at the time upon that building. After the laying of the cornerstone, an audience of friends, and even of royal personages, gathered around the artist to witness the execution of his masterpiece. Gignoux turned his attention to the reproduction of talent as well as superficial persons.

LE GRAS'S FIRST EXPTN.

* * * We have spoken of Le Gras as a signal example of steady progress in portraiture. A singular test was afforded us, at a recent visit to his studio. There had been found in Oswego, N. Y., a portrait of a man, with his head bowed, at the age of nine. The drawing was as bold as boyish, the outline of sleeve and shoulder as to excite a smile; the drawing, of course, was very defective, and the color crude; but a decided individuality was manifested in the features, and every opportunity to cultivate her taste and improve her ability. Like Miss Stirling, she was congenitally a sedentary and studious friend in Charlotte Cushman. She is sedulous and absorbed in the study and exercise of plastic art, and has seen some pleasure-sessions in the selection of articles, and was a member of the Photographic Society of old age.

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